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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1608

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU TO ADVISE AND REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, over the past ten years both the sewer and water utilities have expanded services and facilities dramatically, and

WHEREAS, federal and state environmental regulations have made the provision of water and the treatment of wastewater increasingly complex and expensive, and

WHEREAS, an ongoing review of water and sewer utility rates and fees for sufficiency and equity is necessary and in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, federal grant regulations under the Clean Water Act require that each sewer utility customer pay a proportionate share of the costs of operation, maintenance and replacement of the sewer collection, treatment and disposal system, and

WHEREAS, major policy issues such as contracting options, expansion plans and metering require significant attention, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that a utility advisory board should be established to review and make recommendations to the Assembly and the CBJ administration on water and sewer rate structures and policy issues involving the utilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

* Section 1. Utility Advisory Board Established. There is established the City and Borough of Juneau Utility Advisory Board which shall be composed of nine members appointed by the Assembly. The members will be selected through the Assembly Committee on Committees selection and recommendation process using the membership qualification criteria set forth in Section 2. The members shall serve three-year staggered terms; except, of the first appointees, three shall be appointed for a three-year term, three for a two-year term, and three for a one-year term.

* Section 2. Membership Qualifications. To the extent possible, appointments shall be made as follows:

- (a) one engineer registered in the State of Alaska with training and experience in water and utility systems design and operation,
- (b) one accountant experienced with public utility financial management practices,
- (c) one general contractor experienced in the construction of water and sewer utility systems,
- (d) two commercial customers of the city and borough water and sewer utility,
- (e) two residential customers of the city and borough water and sewer utility,
- (f) two members of the general public.

* Section 3. Utility Advisory Board Purposes. The purpose of the Utility Advisory Board is to advise the Assembly on issues relating to water and sewer utilities. The board is encouraged to gather relevant information from all sources available, and hold public hearings as necessary on issues under review, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis, at a minimum, concerning the status of water and sewer utility issues as follows:

- (a) Review and make recommendations to the Assembly and manager on all matters pertaining to the operation of the water system and the sewer system, to the end that the consuming public is provided with the best possible service consistent with good management and cost containment;
- (b) Review annual budgets and funding plans and make recommendations for the efficient and economical operation of the water system and the sewer system including bond issues, personnel staffing, fiscal matters, and public relations;
- (c) Make recommendations on long-range planning for system expansion and priorities to meet future needs of the water and sewer systems;
- (d) Make recommendations on water and sewer utility rates to ensure that the rates are equitable and sufficient to pay for operation and maintenance of the utilities, and reasonable capital improvements;
- (e) Make recommendations on the issue of metering all water and sewer utility customers;

(f) Make recommendations on contracting options and other measures to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the water and sewer utility operations; and

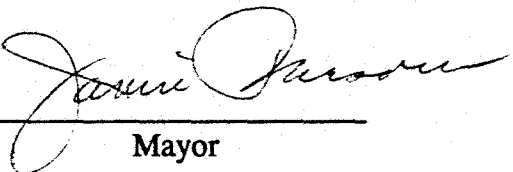
(g) Perform such other duties and functions as the Assembly or the manager may request.

* Section 4. Procedures. The rules of procedure for Assembly advisory committees established by Resolution Serial No. 1180, as amended by Resolution Serial No. 1213, shall govern the conduct of business by the Utility Advisory Board.

* Section 5. Staff Assistance. Staff support and assistance to the Utility Advisory Board shall be provided by the city and borough public works, engineering, finance department and such other departments as available and appropriate.

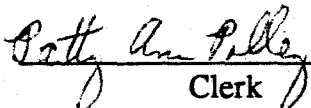
* Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of November, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk